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1. Production has begun on the "Bluko" flask, a blood collection apparatus developed by Dr. Georg Saxinger at the VEB Serum-Werk, Dessau, in cooperation with the Leipzig University Women's Clinic. Blood banks in East Germany are equipped with flasks of the "Bluko"-type only. Research on the development of this flask has been described by Dr. med. habil. N. Aresin, Oberarzt of the Leipzig Clinic 1/. Professor Dr. Robert Schroeder is **director** of this clinic. Complaints are being received concerning the quality of the stabilizing liquid (anti-coagulating liquid) which has been prepared by Dr. med. Koepfel of the Dessau Serum-Werk.
2. According to the plan described by Aresin, blood banks in East Germany are expected to return unused blood collected in the "Bluko" flasks to the Dessau plant. The blood banks do not return any blood, however, because they are using all blood donated. Consequently, the Dessau plant has not been separating serum albumen and globulin from any blood collected in blood banks.
3. Dr. Heinig has completed a study of the effectiveness of immunization obtained with the tetanus-toxoid aluminum hydroxide vaccine Tetatoxoid. This work has been facilitated by a grant to the Dessau plant of 12,000 DM East for the procurement of horses and sheep. Dr. Heinig plans to publish his results, but it is not known yet which journal will carry this work.
4. Dr. med. vet. Hill has successfully completed work on the preparation of an exhaustively purified tuberculin. He is at present carrying on skin tests with the "tuberculin-forte" (strong tuberculin) according to the procedure of Professor Hamburger, similar to the method of Fresenius of Hamburg.
5. Biologist-bacteriologist Jendrusch has prepared a lyophilized lactic acid bacteria agent for the treatment of leucorrhea. Another product perfected by Jendrusch is Antagon C, an agent for the treatment of stomach and intestinal disorders in humans, which has been prepared from lyophilized coli bacteria.
6. Biologist Dr. Harm has satisfactorily completed research and development work on hyaluronidase and antihyaluronidase, and on testing of hormones of the

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posterior pituitary. Hyaluronidase samples have been furnished by the Dessau plant for clinical trials and these allegedly have been successful.

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Comment:

1/ See "Das Deutsche Gesundheitswesen," 6 No 50, 1450-1454 (1951).

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